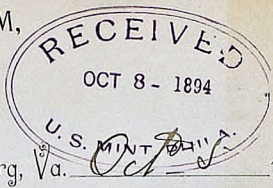


JOHNSTON &amp; GRAHAM,

Wholesale Grocers.

Christiansburg, Va. Oct 8 1894

Mr S. B. Preston

Dear Sir

I don't like to lay complaint vs. the mint of the U.S. but think you made a mistake. I had the Gold weighed here by Thompson Hagan & Co & it weighed 1814 grains - you have it about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  of an ounce short & I weighed it also two ways. weighed  $4\frac{1}{2}$  oz's. then took a \$5.00 Gold piece & balanced it with Gold just 15 times strong weight, which would make  $75.00$  & I paid 80¢ for freight for it & cost me \$60.36 cash & any buyer in the city pay 80¢ for freight & I know

they get a profit. as a middles  
man I expected any how 7500 or  
 8000 for it. If you had paid  
 me \$20.67 for my Troy weight -  
 I have more gold & had better  
 sell to <sup>middles</sup> man - If you cant do  
 better for me. You have gotten it  
 mixed <sup>with</sup> other gold or some way -  
 You surely will not let me lose  
 that. I can prove weights & Ounces.  
 & them if required.

Respt.

Christiansburg, Va. Aaron Graham

Oct-5-1894

Aaron Graham

Complain of insufficient  
 returns for Gold

Recd. Oct-8-1894

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[Abstract:] Complains of insufficient returns for gold.

Johnson & Graham,  
Wholesale Grocers.  
Christiansburg, Va.  
October 5, 1894

Mr. S.A. Preston

Dear Sir

I don't like to day complaint v.s. the Mint of the U.S. but think you made a mistake I had the gold weighed here by Thompson Stagan & Co. & it weighed 1814 grains. You have it about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of an ounce short. I weighed it also two ways. Weighed 4  $\frac{1}{2}$  oz is, then told a \$5.00 gold piece & balanced it with gold dart 15 times strong weight which would make \$25.00 & I paid 80 cent for Dwt. for it & cost me \$60.36 cash & any buyer in the city pay 80 cents for Dwt & I know they get a profit as a middle man. I expected any how 75.00 or 80.00 for it. If you had paid me \$20.67 per oz. Troy weighted – I have more gold & had little sell to middle men. If you can't do better for me, you have gotten it mixed with other gold or some way. You surely will not let me lose that I can prove weights & swear to them of required.

Respt.  
Aaron Graham